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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Armed Forces Recreation Center R&R and Redeployment Block Leave Vacations

1. In September 2003, the Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) in Garmisch, Germany, implemented a superb rest and recuperation (R&R) program for USAREUR Soldiers and DA civilians involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom. This R&R program remains a top priority for AFRC-E Garmisch. Eligibility for this program has just been extended to USAREUR personnel redeploying from OIF 1 for unit block leave.

2. The AFRC R&R program offers the following options:

a. The base R&R package includes 2 overnights at the AFRC in Garmisch with half pension (breakfast and dinner provided). The cost is \$90 for a single room and \$120 for double occupancy. The cost for youth (ages 13 through 17) is \$18 per person. Lodging and dining for children (age 12 and under) is free.

b. One additional night with half pension may be added to the base package at a cost of \$45 for a single room, \$60 for double occupancy, and \$9 for each youth.

c. Soldiers, civilians, and their families may take advantage of the many exciting tours and recreational activities prepared by the AFRC staff for this program at a cost of \$15 per adult and \$8 per youth (no cost for children age 12 and under).

3. The R&R package for personnel redeploying for block leave is limited to 3 nights to allow maximum participation in the program. (This will permit 1,220 Soldiers and families to participate each month the program is in operation.) The order of priority for R&R packages is as follows:

a. Soldiers and DA civilians currently on R&R leave.

b. Soldiers and DA civilians on redeployment block leave who have not had an opportunity to use this R&R package.

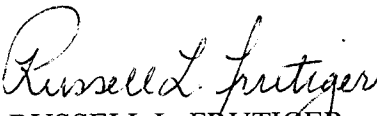
c. Soldiers and DA civilians on redeployment block leave who have had an opportunity to use this R&R package.

4. The Office of the Chief, Public Affairs, HQ USAREUR/7A, is preparing an information campaign for AFRC-E block leave vacation packages and intends to highlight the need for DA Form 31 leave forms to clearly annotate Soldier leave status. The form remarks block should state "Block Leave" and indicate the through dates to confirm the exclusive status of redeploying personnel.

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5. Reservations may be made on-line at <http://www.afrc europe.com> or by contacting the AFRC Vacation Planning Center at DSN 440-2575 or civilian 08821-72981. AFRC is offering this exclusive program on a first-come, first-served basis.

  
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